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### **Angel** awards

**YWCA** recognizes work done for women's rights



#### **Nutcracker**

Reporter goes behind the curtain of Christmas tradition



#### Top contenders

Red Hawks senior power Ali Hicks connects on a spike during a match against the Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons during the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Senior Girls' Volleyball Tournament held in Haliburton on Wednesday, Dec. 7. See story on page 26. Darren Lum Staff

# \$20,000 raised for food banks

**Jenn Watt** Editor

For the second year in a row, the community gave big to the food banks during Moose FM's 24-hour radiothon.

On Dec. 8 and 9, more than \$20,000 was donated to support the county's food banks, which include the 4Cs in Haliburton and the Minden Food Bank.

The generosity was overwhelming for Minden Food Bank board chairperson Barbara Walford-Davis.

"We're as happy as all get-out," she said following the announcement that donations had hit \$20,574 on Friday at 6 p.m.

"We'll be able to keep the doors open," she said.

4Cs treasurer Judy MacDuff thanked the community for their donations and said the money would cover almost all of the food bank's Christmas expenses.

She was pleasantly surprised to hear the radiothon again surpassed the \$20,000 mark.

"Î didn't expect it to go anywhere near that," MacDuff

Moose FM host Rick Lowes was equally impressed with

the amount given during such a short time span. He and other staff at the Moose worked two 12-hour

shifts over two days to bring in the money. While the radiothon is in its sixth year, this is only the second time the \$20,000 mark has been reached.

In its fourth year, about \$10,000 was brought in.

Lowes thinks the additional giving may be because the community is increasingly aware of the need.

"We've been doing an awful lot of stories on Moose Magazine with folks involved with so many food programs like Food for Kids and the food banks. Maybe it's just listener knowledge. Maybe they just know how desperate the situation is," he said.

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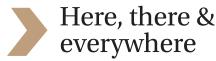






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# Participate in this year's Christmas bird count



news and events worth noting

Organizers of the Christmas Bird Count are looking for participants in Haliburton County again this year.

The boundaries of the count stretch 15 miles from Kinmount and Moore Falls in the south to Mountain Lake in the north, as far west as Bob Lake and as far east as Loch-

Last year 62,624 observers recorded 61,359,451 birds of 2,250 species on 2,215 counts, mostly in Canada, the United States and Latin America.

Haliburton County still holds the record for the most common loons at nine during the 1999 count.

So get your feeder stocked and get ready to count Dec. 17 or contact organizers to join a larger group.

Contact Ed Poropat or Thom Lambert as soon as possible to join a group on Dec. 17. To report birds at your feeder, phone 286-1189 between 5 and 7 p.m. on Dec. 17,



or on Dec. 18. You can email your results to Dennis Barry (dbarry@interlinks.net) or mail them to Dennis Barry, 338 Crystal Beach Blvd. Whitby, ON L1N 9Z7. Species not seen by anyone on Dec. 17, but found on Dec. 14, 15, 16, 18, 19 or 20 will be recorded as count week birds.

Thom Lambert, 457-9110, singing.dog@sympatico.ca; Ed Poropat, 457-3018, ed.barb@sympatico.ca; Dennis Barry, 905-725-2116, dbarry@interlinks.net.

#### **ATV stolen**

On Friday, Dec. 2, the Bancroft detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police received the report of a stolen ATV on Loop Road in the Municipality of Highlands East. Sometime since Nov. 25 a green and black Arctic Cat ATV was taken from the home.

Anyone with information about this theft is encouraged to contact the Bancroft OPP at 613-332-2112 or Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

#### **Cultural Considerations**

10 December 2011 - 21 January 2012

How do you define culture?

What really happened to Tom Thomson?

Who was Herbert Wagner, and what's his connection to

Join a conversation sparked by Marcel O'Gorman's 'Myth of the Steersman," an installation about the mysterious 1917 disappearance of Tom Thomson; a studio recreation with works of successful Haliburton artist Herbert William Wagner (1890-1948); and you.

Marcel O'Gorman is director of the Critical Media Lab, on the board of directors at Contemporary Art Forum Kitchener and Area (CAFKA) and a professor of literature at University of Waterloo. His practice involves the creation of "objects to think with" that underscore technology's

impact. The artist has set up a kiosk at the Dysart et al public library where you can experience the project remotely before or after you see the real thing at Rails End.

Herbert William Wagner painted in Haliburton from the 1920s to '40s. His paintings are in many local homes and

Rounding out this exhibition we ask the audience "How do you define culture? And in particular, culture in Dysart et al?"

Gallery goers will have a menu of ways to respond - private/public/visual/recorded/in writing/online. Join the conversation this winter.

#### 'Zumpiloga' for kids charity

Join Suzanne Haedicke, Kathy Carey and Lynda Shadbolt (from Blue Sky Yoga Studio) for a fun evening celebration of being active, healthy and happy. This festive fitness party is called Zumpiloga and everyone who wants to learn more about zumba, kickboxing, pilates and yoga is welcome to come. The evening will include fun music, yummy snacks, great company and short introductory classes to each of the activities.

No experience is necessary and there is no pressure to do anything except enjoy being together in the Christmas

The cost for the evening is \$20, which will be given as a donation to the Haliburton County Food for Kids breakfast and snack programs (receipts are available for tax purposes). The party will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 21 from 5:30 to 8ish at J.D.H. Elementary School in the gym.

People are welcome to drop in for any part of the evening (doors open at 5:30 p.m., zumba will start at 6 p.m. followed by kickboxing, pilates and then yoga).

The Bonnie View Inn and McKecks graciously donated healthy snacks for this event. We recommend that you bring some water to drink, running shoes if you plan on trying the zumba and a yoga mat/towel if you plan on trying the yoga. For full details check out www.haliburtonyoga.com.

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- · Treat others with act of kidness
- What's in your house?
- · Cards scores, bowling scores

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# New pharmacy welcomed by Wilberforce

#### **Angelica Blenich**

Staff reporter

Khosrow Eshkour quietly fills a prescription while an elderly lady watches on.

The pharmacist hands over the package and the customer thanks him.

"You saved yourself a trip to Haliburton," said Eshkour.

The customer smiles in return and tells the pharmacist she is grateful as she isn't able to drive and relies on a friend to get her places.

Eshkour is the owner of a new pharmacy in Wilberforce, open since the end of November and located at 2165 Loop Rd.

With an established pharmacy in Kinmount that has been open for seven years, Eshkour is dedicated to providing medical services to rural areas.

"As a pharmacist, or, I believe, anybody who goes into health care, they want to make a difference. You want to make a difference where the need is," he said.

There are many rewards to running a pharmacy in a small town, the biggest being the interaction with those who walk through the doors.

"Most people in Kinmount give you a hug when they leave ... I think I would have given up practicing pharmacy if I had not moved up to Kinmount."

The new pharmacy is currently open Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with plans to increase the days and hours in the future

Eshkour is spending the majority of his time at the pharmacy in Wilberforce, where he has one full-time staff member.

The centre also includes a counselling room, to allow customers to confidentially visit with the pharmacist.

Featuring warm and modern decor, the business primarily specializes in medical and hygienic products and does



The centre offers a variety of medical and hygienic needs as well as a full-time pharmacist on site.



Khosrow Eshkour stands comfortably in his new pharmacy, located at 2165 Loop Rd. in Wilberforce. Open since the end of November, the pharmacy is Eshkour's second location, with another in Kinmount. Eshkour is hoping the pharmacy will eventually expand to include a medical centre with a full-time doctor on staff.

**Angelica Blenich Staff** 

not offer grocery or food items.

"I'm very health conscious, I would not sell anything that I think would be detrimental to your health," he said.

Like in Kinmount, Eshkour is hoping to hire additional pharmacists as demand requires and eventually attract a doctor to the area, turning the pharmacy into a full-service medical building.

"Once the renovations are complete we hope to get a doctor," he said.

Eshkour is hopeful the medical centre will be complete early in the new year.

He has also received support from Highlands East council, which sold him the building and property where his pharmacy is now located earlier this year.

Renovations and construction on the building began in July.

Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton was instrumental in bringing the pharmacist up to the area, according to the pharmacist.

"It's a good feeling to be wanted."

Battling a recent bout of illness, Burton was finding himself already relying on the new pharmacy.

The reeve thinks only good can come from having a medical centre in the municipality.

"I'm very happy we have it in Wilberforce, I think it certainly is needed," said Burton.

Not only will the pharmacy benefit the community, Burton believes it will play a part in driving economic development.

With a customer service approach and neighbourly attitude, Eshkour is all about providing for his clients.

"Anything we order now before 7 p.m. we will get by the next day," he said.

While it is too early to know the exact number of clients the pharmacy has serviced, Eshkour said the support from the community has been overwhelmingly positive.

"It's an essential service, so customers were driving either to Haliburton or Bancroft," he said.

"The way I work, I look at it as an extended family."

That family feeling also includes his staff, whom Eshkour hires with a customer approach in mind.

"When I hire somebody the first question I ask is do you care about people?" said Eshkour.

That question results in a feeling that Eshkour hopes never goes away.

"When people thank me for saving them a trip to Haliburton ... that makes it worthwhile in the end."

# Haliburton resident scratches a winner, awaits ruling

#### **Darren Lum**

Staff reporter

Haliburton resident Candice Youngdale is one step closer to claiming her lottery win of \$100,000 from INSTANT Crossword (Game 1659).

"It was very exciting, almost unbelievable," she said. "How often do people win \$100,000 on a scratch ticket? The odds [are so great]."

Youngdale said her family was shocked and excited for her.

At this point, until she gets the confirmation, she isn't exactly sure what she'll do with the winnings.

As Youngdale's sister is an employee at an Ontario Lottery and Gaming retail location, this prize falls within OLG's definition of an insider win.

As of Dec. 5, the prize claim has completed the first step of a two-step insider wins process, which is an independent investigation of the claim by a third-party working in

partnership with OLG's regulator the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO).

To complete the prize claim, the prize will be held for a 30-day waiting period as part of OLG's Insider Wins process, in order for OLG to publicize the win.

If there are no additional claims on this prize, it will be paid to the claimant sometime next year, based on this 30-day wait period.

The ticket was purchased at Haliburton Foodland.

# Awards recognize local guardian angels

**Angelica Blenich** 

Staff reporter

Marilynne Lesperance's mother was murdered when she was just nine years old.

Carla Watson was the victim of a violent home.

Jane van Nood believes every mother should have access to a healthy meal.

Though different, these three women all share a dedication to women's issues throughout Haliburton County and each one was awarded with this year's Guardian Angel Award.

On Dec. 6, the YWCA hosted its third annual Guardian Angel Award ceremony at Fleming College.

The event coincided with the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.

Organized by Sarah Adams, resource development coordinator for YWCA Peterborough, Victoria and Haliburton, the ceremony included performances by the Highlands Male Chorus and OutLoud Womyn's Voices.

Paula Pepping, women's safety network outreach worker for the YWCA women's centre in Haliburton County, presented the awards to this year's recipients.

"I am a firm believer that the recipients today are women of action," said Pepping.

During her introduction, Lesperance was recognized for her continuous fight for women's equality.

"As a former board member of the YWCA, representing Haliburton County, Marilynne uses her life skills in making a difference for the women and children in this county," said Pep-

"I didn't expect to be given this award, I'm always surprised when anybody even knows my name," said Lesperance.

Lesperance gave a brief history of her life, including the fact that following her mother's murder and her father's sub-





**Angelica Blenich Staff** 

This year's recipients of the YWCA Guardian Angel Awards included Carla Watson, second from left, Jane van Nood, and Marilynne Lesperance. The women were honoured by YWCA resource development coordinator Sarah Adams, far left, and YWCA outreach worker Paula Pepping, far right, during the third annual Guardian Angel Awards ceremony on Dec. 6 at Fleming College.

sequent depression she was left to raise her two siblings, age three and six.

Lesperance held management positions in all-male working environments, which she believes impacted her life greatly.

'This taught me about women's rights and to fight against discrimination," she said.

Lesperance continues to volunteer with the YWCA in Haliburton County and hopes to one day bring a rape kit to the community, along with other changes.

"I believe it's time to look for a bigger, full-service shelter here in Haliburton County," she said.

A volunteer with SIRCH Community Services, van Nood

was recognized for coordinating the community kitchens program and the development of a cooking program for mothers, along with her various board positions and activism throughout the county.

"I have an amazing group of people around me and I feel so blessed," said van Nood.

She thanked her husband for all of his support to her various community projects.

President of the Haliburton Legion, Watson was introduced as someone who would "give you the coat off of her back."

A mother of three daughters and grandmother of 11 grandchildren, Watson has served the community in a number of capacities, including her dedication to veterans' affairs.

"She always has a kind word of encouragement or shoulder if you need it," said Pepping.

Watson is the embodiment of a survivor, overcoming many hardships in her life, said Pepping.

"She takes the time to speak to women one on one who are dealing with the same struggles she has dealt with and is always willing to help others see that there is a light at the end of the tunnel," she said.

Watson thanked those in her life who helped her overcome her struggles.

"As one of the women that grew up in violence and until just a few years ago was still dealing with it, I look around this room ... and thank those who wouldn't let me stop, saying go on, we can beat this," said Watson.

Heather Thom, president of the Canadian Federation of University Women Haliburton Highlands chapter, spoke about the ongoing struggle to eliminate violence against women.

"I want to congratulate the YWCA on 25 years of helping women in this county," she said.

The organization receives approximately 200 crisis calls a year in Haliburton County, according to Adams.

'Violence against women is widespread. Today in Haliburton we commemorate Dec. 6 through the Guardian Angel awards," said Thom.

Thom spoke of the tragic day 22 years ago in Montreal when 14 women were killed and about Prime Minister Stephen Harper's proposal to abolish the long-gun registry

We need to be active in speaking out against this bill for it means protecting women against gun violence," she said.

Although bringing an end to violence is not simple, Thom believes we can all do our part.

Thom concluded with one of her favourite quotes.

www.carcontrolschool.com "We live in the shelter of each other."





Kids were busy colouring all kinds of wintery scenes at the Christmas party.



Many families came out to enjoy a Christmas party at the Dysart arena on the evening of Dec. 9. Hosted by the Rotary Club of Haliburton, the event included skating, a hockey shootout, colouring and refreshments and a visit from Santa Claus.

# Rotary rolls out Christmas party

The Haliburton Rotary Club hosted a free community Christmas party Friday, Dec. 9 at the Dysart arena. There were presents for the kids, photos with Santa, skating, food and music.

Huge numbers of kids arrived ready to play and celebrate the season at the incredibly successful event.



There was a large crowd and lots of excitement on the upper floor of the community centre as children awaited the arrival of Santa.

#### Photos by Chad Ingram

# Community comes through

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Programming during the two days included interviews with food bank representatives as well as stories from those who use the service, which brought the message home.

"One guy came in and gave me his life story and it wasn't pretty. He didn't

hold back at all. He said the reason he got through his childhood, basically, was because of food banks and community services that helped him and his family," Lowes said.

The money will be given to the county's food banks and divided by them based on usage and need.

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# **Erasing the hate**

Jenn Watt

Editor

FTER THE SUICIDE of Ottawa teen Jamie Hubley in October of this year, the *Echo* received inquiries from Haliburtonians looking for information on what the situation at our high school was like.

Jamie was a gay 15-yearold who documented his mental health struggles on his blog and through YouTube videos.

His suicide has been blamed on a combination of bullying and depression and cast national media attention on the effects of chronic teasing and ostracization in schools.

How do our schools fare when it comes to the treatment of gay and lesbian students?

As though in response to community concern, Elke Zilla's grades 11 and 12 drama classes staged monologues from The Laramie Project - a performance that dramatizes real interviews done with the people of Laramie, Wyoming, following the murder of gay university student Matthew Shepard in 1998.

Through the production of the play, the students were able to discuss what it means to be gay in a small town and to explore the results of fear and hate which can have devastating consequences.

The newspaper was able to speak to some of the students putting on the play and through that dialogue learn more about the situation at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

The students said that there was bullying at the school and that it's still not OK to be gay in some social circles.

But they're working on it. After several delays due to snow

days at school, The Laramie Project was performed Dec. 6 for parents, students, teachers and community members by about 40 students.

The play itself discussed the aftermath of a brutal killing, but the more important message of the evening was that these students are working through issues of homo-

phobia and bullying.

And they want us - the community to do it, too.

As Zilla pointed out in an email to the paper, things at the high school and in Haliburton are changing for the

The bullying and homophobia exist, but what's different is that we're all talking about it and looking for solu-

"My hope is that people will see that you don't have to have the right answer. Having the dialogue is the important part," Zilla said.

Let's keep up that dialogue.

Zilla's class will be putting on a variety show Dec. 22 at 7 p.m. with all proceeds of the show going to three local families in need this holiday season. Tickets are \$7 at the door, and the show includes skits, comedy, music, dance, poetry and more.



**Calm before storm** 

photo by Darren Lum

# In a rut

Loon Tales

FEW DAYS AGO, I was driving my daughter home when I saw something that almost made me embarrassed to be a man - and this

time it wasn't another man with a fanny pack.

No, it was a doe crossing was a big buck. I tell you, the contrast in behaviour was startling.

cally worn by teenage boys in health class - complete with the appropriate amount of drool and lack of under-

To say he was oblivious is an understatement. Nose to the ground, he followed the scent of that doe in heat. And, like males of every species at dangerous times like this, he aban-

Sadly, I know this buck. In fact, I since the archery season began. And of trail camera photos taken at night

not even his type.

OK, it's time to address the white elephant in the room.

What does she have that I don't?

And don't say big doe eyes. I mean, look at the accompanying photo. Granted, she might be a bit sleeker, but I've been losing a notch or two on the old belt myself.

And she doesn't know him like I do.

I've studied his travels, set out trail cameras and showered him with the finest apples. And now he acts like he doesn't know I exist.

He used to visit my stand at all hours of the morning. But that was before her. Well, come Thursday when the archery season ends, I'm breaking it off.

I've given him the best days of my life. And then she shows up and everything we had means nothing! Just one doe in heat and it's all forgotten. Where's his self-respect?

It's his loss. Once he sows his wild oats he's going to realize that she was using him. And then he'll come back to that special place where we first met. Oh ves he will.

In the meantime, I'll get out in the woods and use a doe in heat bleat call just a little more often. But I won't change locations or try to follow him around the woods. I don't want to appear desperate. Besides, no one likes a stalker.



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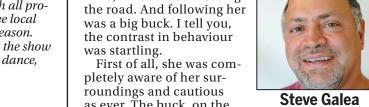
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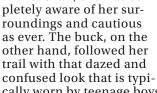
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standing.

doned all caution and common sense.

have been hunting him, on and off, all I've got to show for it is a couple after legal hunting hours.

He's a big boy with a nice set of antlers and he got that way by being cautious. If he's not nocturnal, then he's very close to it.

But all this changed over one flirty doe. I tell you, it's embarrassing. She's



# points of view

# **Proceed with caution**

THE IMPACT SENT Ben's car spinning before it veered off the highway and came to rest against a tree stump. One minute he was driving into town for those last minute gifts and the next he was dazedly trying to figure out what to do. Steam or smoke or something was rising where the Ford's motor should be but Ben wasn't sure it was still there. The front of the car was bent out of shape. However, it didn't look as bad as the passenger's side where the truck had hit. Gratitude that his niece had decided at the last minute not to come with him was a passing thought before Ben became aware he was bleeding. He didn't know where but in any event thought he should get out of the car if he could. That was a strong pull: get out of

Sharon Lynch Down our Road

Next thing he knew he was lying in the snow a few feet away from his vehicle, though how he got there he could not remember. Then he heard sirens and saw flashing lights. As he was hoisted up into the ambulance he was told he'd be alright and that was the last he heard until they arrived at the hospital. Later Ben realized he had been going in and out of consciousness.

There were a lot of people at the hospital, their faces looking up as he arrived. A small Christmas tree stood on a table surrounded

by magazines in what was obviously the waiting room. Funny what your eyes will latch on to, he thought as he was whisked through double doors. Heck of a way to spend Christmas Eve.

Ben sat upright as though electrified. The downstairs clock was striking three. He had been dreaming. Disoriented, he looked around at his bedroom then sank slowly back against the pillows. That had been a powerful dream, he thought, staring into the darkness. It had been so real, so clear. He wasn't sure he wanted to go back to sleep,

Instead, he swung his legs out from under the warm sheet and blankets and fumbled his feet for slippers. The cool night air made him shiver and he decided to pull on his robe. Padding downstairs, he saw that the woodstove had been reduced to pathetic embers so he threw on a piece of wood and opened the damper. A flame quickly appeared and began licking at the bark. This and moonlight on snow was the only light, but it was enough to see.

Now Ben was wide awake and he walked over to the patio doors for a look. Yesterday's snowfall had turned the world magical, covering the drab landscape in a clean smooth blanket that sparkled and shone. The moon's path lit the spaces between evergreens and shed like ghostly spirits. He knew without opening the door that there was a deep silence all around. Pouring himself a glass of milk, he picked up a couple of shortbread cookies from the kitchen counter and then settled himself by the fire. The wood was burning well now and he dampered it down a bit. In the corner, the spruce loomed like a misshapen giant, its head pushing against the ceiling. After thinking about it for a second, Ben got up and turned on the tree's lights before returning to his chair. Immediately the room was awash in the soft multi-hued glow of light escaping between evergreen boughs and bouncing off ornaments. Ben had always enjoyed the lights of this time of year. They reminded him of his childhood, of those warm feelings of anticipation and leisurely time devoted to enjoyment with food and family.

Suddenly he realized that while he had awakened from that terrible dream, car accidents were a reality, especially at this party time of year. Ben shuddered as he thought of the stark light, the cold machinery, the bloody limbs that some had to endure while he sat here with his spruce, his fire, his cookies.

Then he noticed his answering machine light flashing, something he had failed to see when he came home that evening. With a shrug, he played it back, not content to wait until morning. It was his niece, asking if she could go with him into town the next day for some last minute shopping. Ben smiled and shook his head. Not a chance, he thought.



#### pic of the past

arnarvon United Church. /Photo submitted by Grant and Mary McCracken. If you have a pic of the past you'd like to submit, bring it into the Echo at 146 Highland Street.

#### letters to the editor

# Haliburton can't MPP explains support pool

To the Editor,

I don't know where this feather-brain idea of an indoor swimming pool came from but nobody in these times and in their right mind can build a decent swimming pool for \$500,000. Not a public, good-sized swimming pool with all the bells and whistles, all the tweets and toggles and twitters. Anyone who did any serious checking would soon find out the utter fiction that our county could afford one

Anyone seriously interested in such a project should first check out the military archives and find the blueprints to learn the wherewithal of constructing a stateof-the-art swimming pool and recreation centre in Arctic conditions. Like the one I experienced in Chibougamau about 500 miles due north of Montreal. There we were folks, only 150 of us at a small base with a large swimming pool/recreation centre. All indoors, where you could partake in virtually any sport under one roof in 50 below weather. (Not everybody swims!) All free too. It was bloody grand; I didn't want to leave. The pool was half size Olympic and the gym was standard school-size, with several basketball courts. In those days, the federal government deep pockets!

Even in 1965 we had standards. The pool required highly qualified life guards at all times when it was open. Likewise the gym needed properly trained sports people in attendance. The pool had to be maintained and inspected, too, proper safety and water chemicals had to be right - so we needed people around who

see MONEY page 8

# absence

To the Editor:

I am writing with regard to recent letters to the editor which have appeared in *The Haliburton County Echo* questioning why I was not in attendance at this year's Remembrance Day ceremony in Haliburton.

In the riding of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, there are 22 cenotaphs where Remembrance Day services are held. My office sends wreaths to each of these locations, as it did this year. As you can appreciate, it is not possible to personally attend all of the services. On Nov. 11, I participated in the service in Millbrook and during the week attended several other Remembrance Day events in Beaverton, Burnt River, Kinmount, Omemee and Woodville.

As the MPP, my policy has always been to rotate my personal attendance each year to different communities. When it is not possible to attend, we normally ask the Legion to appoint a veteran or some other individual of their choosing to place the wreath on our behalf. I am pleased that on Remembrance Day, the president of the Legion, Carla Watson, was able to lay my wreath. If there was a communications problem this year, I would certainly like to apologize for that. However, there was certainly no disrespect for veterans or their families, for whom I have the deepest personal regard. Members of my family are veterans, including my grandfather who fought in World War I.

Haliburton County is an important part of my riding. Since my election on Oct.- 6, I have visited Haliburton

see HALIBURTON page 8

# Haliburton is important to MPP

County on more than 20 occasions, meeting with, among others, municipal officials, the CEO of the HHHS, the Director of Extendicare and the Abbey Gardens board. I have also participated in the announcement of a Trillium grant in Haliburton, the Ducks Unlimited dinner, the Warden's Banquet and the Haliburton and Minden Santa Claus parades. In addition, my staff assists residents of the county on a daily basis on a wide range of issues. Halibur-

ton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock is a very large riding with many distinct communities, each requiring the attention of the MPP. It is an honour and a privilege to represent all of the constituents of this diverse riding and I will continue to represent them to the best of my ability. My constituency office can be reached at 1-800-424-2490 or by email at laurie.scottco@pc.ola.org.

MPP Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock

# Money needed for greater priorities

knew how to do this - recreation specialists, they were called. By law, these folks have to be there or the place simply could not be

The cost? A good \$10 million, likely much more for a top-ofthe-line multi-purpose indoor facility. With \$500,000 one might cover some of the caretaker and maintenance costs for a year or two. Even charging admission to the place would not come close to paying the cost of liability insurance.

Reality check: Do the math! We are not Toronto or New York City. There is no possible way Haliburton County with its 15,000 permanent populace and a smaller tax base could support such an undertaking. Even if the site suddenly came into existence free of charge, the up-keep would be too horrendous and heavy for our meagre public purse.

Besides, there are far greater priorities ...

Eddie Burke Minden

## I wreaths were laid

Once a week for the past three weeks letters have been published criticizing MPP Laurie Scott for being unable to attend Remembrance Day services. Surely these people must realize that there are several cenotaphs in the riding, and like the local MP, she rotates through them each year. I do not know why she did not have a representative to take her place but all wreaths were laid and that is the main thing.

Meanspirited letters such as this do not detract from the work done by our provincial member. One suspects that perhaps the purposes of these writers is politically motivated.

**Michael Barnes** Haliburton





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# Laramie Project opens door to discussion

Jenn Watt

Editor

After a couple of false starts due to inclement weather, The Laramie Project was finally performed Tuesday, Dec. 6 in front of a large audience at the Northern Lights Performing Arts

The play was delivered by drama students in Grade 11 and 12 and tackled the aftermath of Matthew Shepard's murder in Laramie, Wyoming in 1998.

Shepard was a gay 21-year-old university student killed by two men overcome by homophobia. Monologues, music, and multimedia brought Shepard's story to Haliburton Highlands Secondary School under the guidance of teacher Elke Zilla.

"Ultimately, I chose the play with two goals: letting young kids really do some strong acting and pushing themselves is first. A kid's going to step outside of his skin to imagine what it would feel like to be in another person's shoes. And second, if we can get the audience to think about it: what is homosexuality? My hope is that people will talk honestly. More than changing perceptions, it's the talking that I hope will happen," Zilla wrote in an email to the Echo.

She also applauded the students for taking a stand and working through gay/lesbian issues that can lead to bullying in schools.

The evening's performance followed several that were put on throughout the day for the school's senior students as a belated Kindness Week production.

While there were some stumbles and dropped lines, overwhelmingly, The Laramie Project delivered a cohesive, meaningful and informative picture of the consequences of discrimination.

There were also highly emotional monologues, such as the one delivered by George Charlebois, who played Shepard's father. Money from ticket sales went to the Matthew Shepard Foundation and HHSS Class Acts. The students wore Erase Hate T-shirts, which they received after making their own donations to the charity.



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# Dysart moves forward with developer

#### **Angelica Blenich**

Staff reporter

Those hoping to build a resort development at Martinwood Golf Course have been given direction by council to proceed with severance applications for a smaller proposal.

Owner of the golf course John Lally and planning consultant Heather Sadler of Ecovue made a delegation to council on Dec. 5 to discuss a proposal for a vacant land condominium development.

Described by Sadler as a residential type of development, the proposal includes three submitted plans, one showing 16 lots, one with 27 lots and the third showing 87 lots

"What we're proposing is a residential development with X number of units," said Sadler.

Municipal director of planning and development Pat Martin does not support the current proposal, as it would result in the creation of a new settlement area.

According to a submission from Martin, the proposal does not conform to provincial policy, the provisions of the County of Haliburton official plan or to provisions of Dysart's official plan.

Sadler told council the proposal has various concepts, which include both a lower and higher density of units.

"We understand your official plan is very specific," she said.

The planning consultant also addressed the provincial policy, stating it was not created to accommodate rural living specifically.

"It was written by people who live and work in the GTA and don't have a clue of up here," she said.

Sadler maintained it was not reasonable for planners to just accept the word of people sitting at Queen's Park.

"This development makes sense," she said.

Sadler said she did not believe the proposed plan would result in the creation of a settlement area.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey questioned whether the proposal could be done as a seasonal residential development.

Sadler said the development would be geared towards seasonal and recreational type residents, particularly empty nesters.

Lally said the proposal does not include any changes to the existing site plan.

Martin said the proposed development, which is similar to the Silver Beach development on Wigimog Road, left the municipality with a number of logistical challenges.

"There are a lot of big questions that have to be answered with this kind of development, the biggest one being jobs," she said.

Sadler reiterated the development was looking to attract retired individuals, not those seeking employment opportunities.

"We're not looking at large estates," she said.

With a background in golf courses, Lally told council he had made numerous improvements to Martinwood Golf Course in recent years, including renovations and course changes.

He said he wanted to work with council on the proposed development.

"If you want to start out small and grow I'm all for that," said Lally.

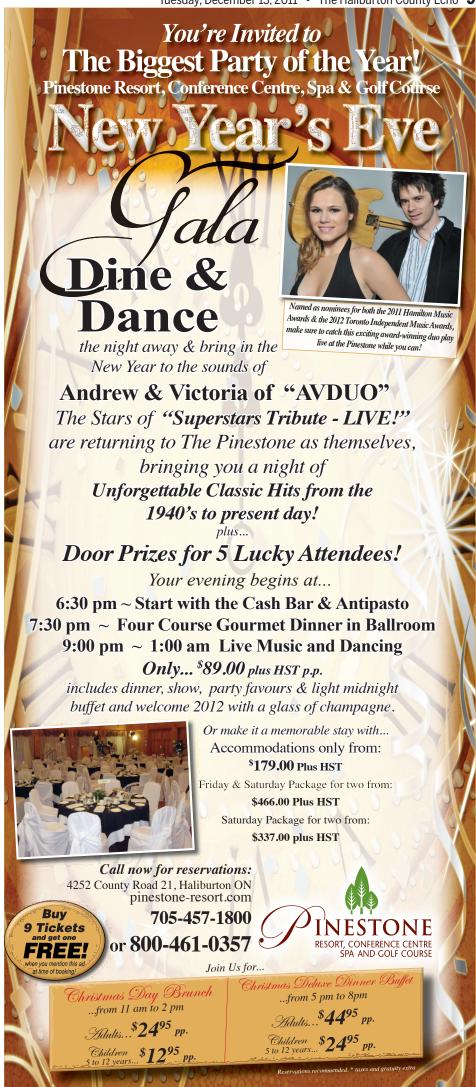
Fearrey instructed Lally and Sadler to adjust the proposal to include only five lots, thus conforming to the official plan and apply for a severance application to get started



# A home for the holidays

Sue Shikaze tries to decide which gingerbread house to vote for before Rotarian Dorothy Menton tallies the ballots Dec. 9 at Haliburton Foodland. A raffle followed the count. First place went to McTeague Electric; second to Dr. Ed Smolen Dentistry; and third to Haliburton Foodland. The contest was a fun, free, festive project of the local Rotary club to give back to the community. Photos of the winning houses will appear in the Echo's Season's Greetings section next week.

Jenn Watt Staff



# You're never too old to make your ballet debut

#### **Angelica Blenich**

Staff reporter

I clutch the broom with all my might, listening to the music.

Forty-five seconds in and the first scene begins.

Try not to think about tripping, I tell myself.

My hands are sweaty, my grip on the broom is loosening.

Oh no, I think, I'm going to drop something.

It's OK, other cast members tell me, if you slip up you just have to pretend that was part of the show.

Yeah, right, a maid who trips and drops things.

That seems convincing.

One minute in. Oh boy, why is time moving so slowly?

Snowflakes and mice are scurrying around me, some smaller than you could even imagine.

Girls are bouncing around the dressing room, arms outstretched, waiting to be glittered.

Mothers are busy constructing perfect buns atop the heads of all the female performers.

Sparkling soldiers march into sight.

Chaos rings throughout the hallways.

Children sneak peeks through the curtains, trying to find a familiar face amongst the sea of spectators.

One minute and 30 seconds. This is it, I think.

I look for my cue.

Enter hastily, with an expression of worry on your face, I hear myself think. Try not to make a sound.

An arm waves to me from stage left, "now" I hear.

I pull back the curtain and face the glaring lights, gliding across the stage and stopping in the centre.

It's showtime.

For the past eight years, Heritage Ballet has performed The Nutcracker to delighted audiences at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

This year, I had the privilege of being a part of the production.

With its intricate costumes, dazzling set pieces and stunning dancers, The Nutcracker is an annual event Haliburton takes pride in.

Like many theatrical performances, and not unlike other community initiatives, The Nutcracker takes an enormous amount of time, dedication and energy to execute.

To fully appreciate this though you must be witness to what takes place behind the curtain and in the weeks leading up to opening night.

Months of full-day rehearsals, parents giving up their weekends and a director who is still making notes at 5 a.m. the day of the performance is just the beginning.

Those who take to the stage should be commended for their effort, just as those who work diligently backstage straightening up angel costumes, finding the right snowflake tutu and hurriedly untying ballet slippers should be.

Without all of their help, the show would not go on.

There were many lessons to be learned from being a part of a production like The Nutcracker.

It takes an entire community to put on such a produc-

A nosebleed can come at the most inconvenient time.

A little chicken with an animated personality can steal the show.

You're definitely never to old for some glitter.

And finally, I learned you should never let age stand in the way of joining the ballet.





Dance of the poinsettias: Paige Hough, Sophie Longo, Lily Manning, Ella Stamp and Grace Wootton do their best flower dance.



Echo reporter Angelica Blenich learned it's never too late to join the ballet.



Chefs Monique Dulong and Charlotte Paton try to make chicken, Abigail Kauffeldt, for their dinner.



Loretta Kerr as Marie holds the nutcracker.



The children on this float were singing Jingle Bells.

# Christmas time in Wilberforce

#### **Photos by Chad Ingram**



The local Crimestoppers unit captured the Grinch.



Many four-legged friends also took part in the parade.



There was a variety of winter-themed floats in the Wilberforce Santa Claus parade on Dec. 11.





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# Dysart to advertise in 2012 Destination Guide

#### **Angelica Blenich**

Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Dec. 5 meeting of Dysart et al council.

Dysart will be advertising in next year's Haliburton County Destination Guide, to be released in February

Council agreed to a full-page ad at a cost of \$1,780 plus

Dysart is one of four municipalities that have agreed to advertise in the publication, with each municipality placing a full-page ad, according to a letter from Janis Parker, president of Parker Pad and Printing.

We have no choice really, all the municipalities have ads in it." said Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey.

According to Parker's letter, each municipality's full-page advertisement will be located in the centre spread of the guide. The four-page spread has been dedicated to promot-



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ing and explaining the four municipalities in the county.

Along with the guide, Parker Pad and Printing will also be producing the 2012 Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands Directory and the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce Business Directory.

Council did not advertise in the 2011 Destination Guide.

#### **Council allocates funds from** anonymous donation

An anonymous donation in the amount of \$100,000 will be used for various community projects.

Donated by an individual community member, council accepted the funds and allocated \$40,000 to the restoration of the aircraft located on the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field.

Council also authorized \$10,000 for the restoration of the CNR locomotive.

The remaining funds, equaling \$50,000, are to be used for local recreation events and promotion to be considered by council on an annual basis.

The funds will be spread over a period of five years, with \$10,000 being used per year from 2012 to 2016.

It was requested the municipality use the funds for purposes of maintaining, developing and promoting new and enhanced local recreational opportunities and events.

#### **Health Unit Holiday Hours**

The Health Unit office will be closed for the holiday season on: December 26, 27, 28 and January 2 and 3.



Best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season from the staff of the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.



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# **Auditor-General** report delivers blows: MPP



Scott believes tax dollars of Ontario families are being squandered

#### Lisa Gervais

Special to the Echo

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott has joined her party colleagues in criticizing the McGuinty government over this week's Auditor-General's report.

She said the report delivered a series of body blows to the McGuinty government, particularly in the green energy

She said the Auditor General found that "no evaluation was done to determine the economic and environmental effects of such a massive investment in renewable energy on future electricity prices, direct and indirect job creation or losses."

Scott added: "The Auditor General has pretty well confirmed many of the things we have been saying about hydro prices and job losses. The Auditor General found that the majority of green energy jobs that are created are short term and that between two and four jobs could be lost in other sectors as a result of higher electricity prices."

She said her party had been demanding to see details of the Samsung deal long before the election.

"This report confirms that no economic analysis or business case was done to determine the appropriateness of the Samsung deal and neither the Ontario Energy Board, Ontario Power Authority nor even the cabinet were consulted prior to the government's decision to sign the deal."

She said the Auditor General didn't restrict his criticism of the McGuinty government to green energy.

It criticized the government's performance in such areas as auto insurance, forestry management, stranded debt and even the prices charged by the LCBO.

"All in all, a pretty sad commentary on how the tax dollars of hardworking Ontario families are being squandered," Scott said.

## **Haliburton County Home Builders Association**

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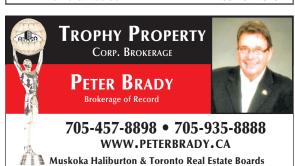
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# **Tracy Evans recognized for community spirit**

#### **Chad Ingram**

Staff reporter

and it seems the members of her community love her back.

Evans was the recipient of the annual Gooderham Community Spirit Award during the weekend.

"She was nominated for her caring, giving nature," said Barb Bader, chairwoman of the Gooderham Community Action Group. "She's very well-respected in the commu-

Évans has a long history of community involvement, including sitting on the local recreation committee, founding the community's kids committee, organizing Gooderham Horseshoe Days and hosting



#### help people

— Tracy Evans

fun-filled Christmas, Easter and Halloween

Bader said Evans goes above the call of duty in her job as Gooderham's postmistress, getting to know residents intimately and even going to visit those that she hasn't seen at the post office lately.

People often go to Evans with questions

about the community.

"If she doesn't have the answer, she'll find it," Bader said.

Originally from Burnt River, Evans moved to Gooderham 24 years ago.

"I love people and I love to help people," she said of what inspires her to get involved, adding that she was raised by very giving parents. "In my lifetime, I've had people help me out along the way."

After years of working at the Pinestone Resort, Evans got her job at the post office.

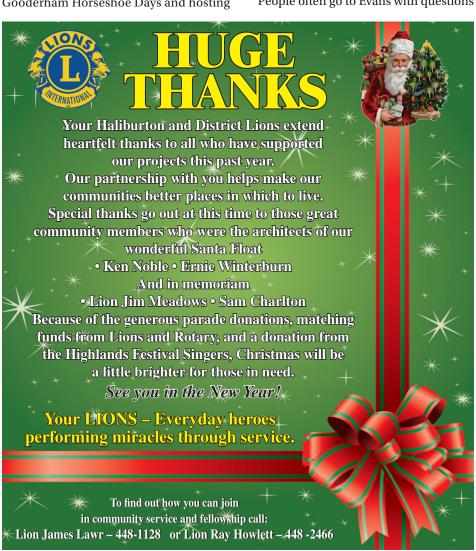
"I love my job," she said, explaining that it gives her the opportunity to interact with people. "I know I'm one of the few people that can say that in this world. I'm very, very proud to be part of my community."

This is the fifth year the spirit award has been handed out and while in the past winners have been determined by members



Barb Bader, left, presents Tracy Evans with the annual Community Spirit Award. This year's nominations came from the community at large. /Photo submitted

of the action group, this year nominations came from the community at large.





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# Farmers' market coming to Haliburton

**Angelica Blenich** 

Staff reporter

The Haliburton County Farmers' Market will be making its home in Haliburton for a portion of their 2012 season.

Angel Taylor, chair person of the market's association and Angela McGreevy, manager of the farmers' market, proposed the idea to the municipality of Dysart prior to their council meeting on Dec. 5.

In a letter dated Nov. 21, Taylor writes that after careful consideration the board has decided to run a fall market in Haliburton Village from Sept. 7 through to Oct.

The market would be held at Rotary Park on Fridays for a total of five days.

As it has for the past two years, the farmers' market would continue to run in Carnarvon during the summer months.

According to Taylor's letter, hosting the market in Haliburton Village for one third of their season is a good way to explore the viability of a location in Dysart.

The market would not be held in Carnarvon following the September long weekend in 2012.

Taylor suggests the market continue to take place on Fridays, to prevent disrupting arrangements vendors may have with other farmers markets. The association

proposed running the market in Haliburton Village from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., however details on the hours are still subject to change.

"We are still tweaking in terms of hours," said Taylor, who mentioned the times might change to accommodate those who work. Running a farmers' market on municipal property should not pose a concern in regards to insurance, Taylor said.

"We've been following in the press your concern about liability with groups that are in public spaces. We thought it would be of interest to you to know that we have \$5 million commercial general liability for our farmers market," said Taylor.

The liability coverage primarily includes items such as accidents and falls and not product belonging to individual vendors, said Taylor.

The association is hoping to effectively communicate and work with council during the next few months.
"We will do our best to help you pro-

mote it and accommodate you in every way that we can," said Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey. Fearrey said council was looking forward to making the market successful in Haliburton Village.

"It's good for the downtown," he said.

The Haliburton County Farmers' Market was established in 2009.

# New executive director of C*H*

The Kawartha Haliburton Children's Aid Society has announced that a new executive director has been chosen. Jennifer Wilson will start as the executive director on Feb. 6 2012, a press release states. Wilson has 22 years of experience in the child welfare sector. the press release states, including four years as a local director/director of service at the Children's Aid Society of the districts of Sudbury

and Manitoulin. Wilson will replace interim executive director Suzanne Geoffrion, who was brought into the agency in November a month into a strike by CAS staff. Geoffrion will stay on during the transition period.

Geoffrion took over abruptly from longtime executive director Hugh Nicholson who was set to retire in December.

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Mabel Winder at 102 was one of the oldest to take her place on Santa's lap, while Valerie Moore was just happy to get a great big hug from Santa. Natasha, two years old, had many things on her list for santa

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**Darren Lum Staff** 

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# Short story winners revealed

Winners in R.D. Lawrence Place's Back Words short story contest were announced Saturday, Dec. 3 in Minden.

First place in the children's category went to Emma Cox with her story Raccoon's Mission. Honourable mention went to Victoria Edwards with her story Allie and the talking raccoon Kips!

Best title went to Bridie Andrus with her story Stolen Cheese.

In the youth category, Jessica Miscio took first with The Messenger and honourable mention went to Vanessa Kennedy with her story Inheritance.

The adult category winner was Meg Hoffman for her story Impressions. Honourable mention went to Margaret Harriss Clayton and Lucy Bacon.

The contest asked that entries include the words raccoon, star, hollow, farm and sanctuary as they were meaningful to R.D. Lawrence, for whom RDLP is named.

The winning stories and honourable mentions will be published in either the Haliburton Echo or Minden Times in coming issues.





#### **Uncorked**

Eric Thompson, co-owner of Moon Shadows Estate Winery and the Maple Moon retail store, centre, explains how the filter (pad being held at front) is used in the process to make wines during the Business After Hours event facilitated by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, evening, Dec. 6. Thompson and co-owner Carol opened their doors to chamber members, offering wine made on the premises. The Thompsons operate Ontario's first maple syrup based winery. They produced close to 5,000 bottles of wine last year, including the black currant wine that won the gold, including the Best in Value at the InterVin International Wine Awards in 2008. The name of the winery pays homage to the Cat Stevens song.

**Darren Lum** Staff



# Reads of the week



#### **Book of the Week, Adult Title**

Tell it to the Trees by Anita Rau Badami One freezing winter morning a dead body is found in the backyard of the Dharma family's house. It's the body of their tenant, Anu Krishnan. Why had she, a stranger to their remote British Columbia town, been foolish enough to go out into the blizzard? From this gripping, spine-chilling opening, the author threads together a story of love and need, and of chilling family secrets never told aloud.

Reserve Tell It To The Trees in print or ebook format at the Haliburton County Public Library.

#### **Book of the Week. Picture Book Title**

Pierre in the Air by Andrea Beck

Pierre is excited about his trip to Paris for the poodle championship, and he can't wait to see the sights. But his beloved Miss Murphy leaves him in their hotel room, so Pierre takes matters into his own paws. At the top of the Eiffel tower, he catches hold of an umbrella, sweeping him into the sky. When he returns to the hotel, his pompoms are in a wind-swept mess - and the dog show is only hours away! Can Pierre be beautified in time for his big event?

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#### **Local Celebrity Read**

Dar Sawyer, owner of Dar's Hair Salon, recently finished The Book of Fate by Brad Meltzer. Sawyer began reading The Book of Fate after becoming hooked on Meltzer's television show called Brad Meltzer's Decoded, which airs on the History channel and examines the meanings behind various secret codes, conspiracy theories and intriguing American mysteries.

"It's exciting," she says, "It's fiction but it brings in a lot of real historical facts. It lets you in on all the secret codes of the Illuminati and the Freemasons." For example, Sawyer noted that this novel tells of how the Freemason symbol was marked upon the Whitehouse cornerstone." Their picture is on everything that they touch," she

The plot follows presidential aide Wes Holloway, whose oldest friend, Ron Boyle, is killed by a crazed assassin. Years after



the murder, Holloway receives a report that sounds impossible: half a world away. Not surprisingly, Wes becomes almost unnaturally obsessed with the truth behind the sighting. This quest will lead him deep into Washington cover-ups, Masonic secrets, and an intricate code invented by Thomas

"The Book of Fate grabs you. By the second page, you are already in the story," says Sawyer."This was my first Brad Meltzer book but I'm definitely going to get the next".

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# 11-year-old gives back with bucks

**Jenn Watt** 

Editor

Eleven-year-old Tori Allin started her Christmas fundraiser by asking why.

Why did children need to use the breakfast program at the school?

Maybe some of them were in a rush and didn't have breakfast at home; maybe some of them wanted a snack before class; maybe some of them didn't have anything to eat at home because there was nothing in the cupboards.

"I realized a whole lot of people were going to that [program]," Tori said.

It got her to thinking about the wider community and how there were many people with needs rather than wants this Christmas season.

"She was looking to do something herself without money involved per se," her mother Bre Allin said.

Tori decided to start collecting Foodland Turkey Bucks, which are slips of paper given out by the grocery store during the holidays that can be cashed in when you buy a turkey.

She collected from friends, family and her mother's coworkers, even making posters with her friends to put up at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School and at Emmerson Lumber, Bre's workplace.

"Victoria [Tori] put it as her Facebook status," Bre said.

"And a bunch of my friends did, too," Tori added.

The campaign began shortly after Halloween with a goal of 100 bucks and continued to Dec. 9, when Bre took Tori's thick stack of about 150 bucks into the 4Cs food bank.

Tori said one thing she learned from the experience was how hard it is to organize a fundraiser.

"It's a lot of work keeping them all [the bucks] and trying to thank everyone who brought them in," Tori said.

But the payoff is worth it.

"I'd rather collect for other people that don't usually get a whole lot ... than keep it for myself," she said.

Tori said she wanted to thank everyone who helped or donated and plans to do it again next year.



Jenn Watt Staff

Eleven-year-old Tori Allin shows off a wad of turkey bucks on Dec. 8 she collected from her friends, classmates and family. She ended up accumulating about \$150 of them over more than a month and has donated them all to the 4Cs food bank in Haliburton.



#### **For Daron**

Spinners got pedaling for a cause on Dec. 10 raising money for the charity Do It For Daron. The spinathon was organized by Carrie Hirst, above, and Haliburton Indoor Cycling instructor Andrea Butera.

**Chad Ingram** Staff



# The hardest working man in show business

I don't think many would conjure up the name that follows at Christmas, but the passing of James Brown on Christmas day 2006 somehow seems a fitting exit for a musical giant who gave so

Greg Roe



much to his time, culture and community. James Joseph Brown was born into poverty on May 3, 1933 in Barnwell, South Carolina. The cards seemed to be stacked against him from the start. The story goes that he was stillborn and pronounced dead, but an aunt present at the birth refused to accept this fate for her new nephew and she breathed air into his lungs until he let forth his

first scream ... and what a famous scream it would become; but it would take time. He was born in a one room shack and his parents disappeared before he was eight years old. Raised in a whorehouse and accustomed to regular beatings from his stepfather, Brown nonetheless espoused the importance of family values throughout his life.

The Godfather of Soul, Soul Brother Number One or Mr. Dynamite, no matter what you call him, his was a true rags to riches story, moving from the slums of the South to dining with presidents. After a brush with the law and some time in prison in the late' 40s, Brown found a more positive outlet in gospel music and soon drifted into R&B. By the mid-'50s he and his group, The Flames, had a huge hit with Please, Please, Please but went into a slump until 1959, when Try Me brought Brown back into the limelight.

A consummate professional, and task master, Brown saw his career explode in the' 60s with hits like Papa's Got a Brand New Bag and I Got You (I Feel Good). His highly energized live shows, with their calculated spontaneity, became legendary. He was a showman, second to none.

For most of his adult life, Brown lived in Augusta, Georgia and he never forgot his roots, giving out 1,000 free turkeys to Augusta's poor every Thanksgiving. On his annual Christmas toy drive he would often randomly give out bills of various denominations to poor people all over town. Santa Claus truly went straight to the ghetto (check out his Christmas album for this classic).

Brown had played the legendary Apollo Theatre many times in his career, but his last gig, his Wake, saw crowds of 10 deep in a line 10 blocks long, waiting to pay their last respects to a man who was much more than a music legend. Ironically, Brown had died in Augusta and a plane could not be found quickly enough to carry the weight of his gold-plated casket to the Apollo in Harlem, New York. Upon hearing this, his close friend and black activist, the Reverend Al Sharpton elected to drive through the night with the coffin to ensure that Brown's fans would have one last opportunity to see their hero at the Apollo. The casket traveled the final lengths of the journey pulled through the fan lined streets of Harlem, by two white horses.

Brown's first appearance at the Apollo had been half a century earlier, with the release of *Please*, *Please*, *Please*. This time, fans filed by the coffin that sat beside a flower arrangement that read simply, "Godfather". Brown was decked out in a midnight blue suit, white gloves and silver shoes, a striking figure to the end.

A final ceremony was held the next day in Augusta, at the recently named James Brown Arena. In a final tribute, Brown's longtime MC, Danny Ray, draped a red cape over the casket lid; a final curtain call.

So, the next time you are in a bit of a "funk," throw some James into your CD player and you'll find yourself saying, I feel good ... I knew that I would.



#### **SIRCH thanks** volunteers

**SIRCH Community Services** honoured their volunteers at a special luncheon Monday, Dec. 5 at the Wild Moose restaurant. SIRCH volunteers worked 2,000 hours this last year. Mike Jaycock of Canoe FM was the keynote speaker and Kyla Grexton and Stella Voisin both spoke about the difference volunteers have made for them. /Photo submitted by Nancy Brownsberger



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# Sports



**Darren Lum** Staff

The Red Hawks varsity girls' hockey team celebrates after the game against the visiting Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute Spartans at the Dysart Arena on Thursday, Dec. 8. Haliburton won 7-3 to remain undefeated through two games. More photos next page.

# Hawks unbeaten

**Darren Lum** 

Staff reporter

Resolve.

This character trait jumped to the forefront when the Lady Hawks varsity girls' hockey team withstood a second period offensive onslaught by the visiting Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute Spartans to remain undefeated through two games on Thursday, Dec. 8.

The red and white jumped to an early 3-0 lead on goals by Lady Hawks' centre Sam Tallman, centre Megan Allore and defenceman Julia Fedeski, who scored the third goal 10 seconds after the second in the first period.

The commanding lead lasted until the final minutes of the second period, as the Spartans battled back, applying more pressure through the fore-check.

The Spartans were rewarded for their effort scoring three goals in less than three minutes apart to tie the game 3-3.

Haliburton rallied around their besieged goalie, Jillian Mayhew, who was noticeably disappointed with letting in the quick goals.

Lady Hawks winger Erin Little with 44 seconds left in the period responded when she popped in the eventual game winner at the edge of the crease. She was Jenny-on-the-spot when she picked up a loose puck in the crease after teammate Sam Tallman,

who finished with four points (one goal and three assists), was stopped on a partial breakaway.

With less than two seconds left in the period, Fedeski got off a shot from the slot to score her second of four goals in the game.

By the third period with the momentum clearly back in the Haliburton end, Fedeski put the nail in the proverbial coffin when she skated into the Spartans' end, skated over the blue line and launching a torpedo of a slapshot to beat the Lindsay goalie, River Watson. Haliburton now led 6-3 and extinguished any fire left from the second period Spartans' surge.

period Spartans' surge.
Haliburton added another off of a wrist shot from Fedeski.

Fedeski did her best impression of Bobby Orr, finishing with five points (four goals and one assist). She has 11 points (eight goals and three assists) in two games. Tallman rebounded from a relatively quiet game (for her) against the Fenelon Falls Secondary School when she finished with one point to finish with four points (one goal and three assists) in this game. Allore finished with two points (one goal and one assist) in the game and has six points (two goals and four assists) on the season.

Mayhew (1.50 GAA) has two wins in as many starts for the Lady Hawks.

Haliburton will host the Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School Griffins at the Dysart Arena at 2 p.m. on Dec. 13.







Left: Red Hawks winger Erin Little, right, watches her clearing attempt leave the

Right: Red Hawks centre Megan Allore outpaces her check during a game against the visiting Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute Spartans at the Dysart Arena on Thursday, Dec. 8.

**Photos by Darren Lum** 



# **Honderich** repeats as gold medalist

Special to the Echo

HHSS Wrestling Report - Dec. 7, 2011

On Wednesday Dec. 7, the Red Hawks wrestling team travelled to Belleville to compete at the Quinte Secondary School Invitational Wrestling Tournament. More than 250 wrestlers representing 18 schools attended the event. HHSS wrestlers showed that they can wrestler with the best in the region.

Once again, the team was led by the skilled veteran, Zane Zondervan.

Zondervan wrestled a technically flawless tournament to capture the gold medal in the 83 kg division. Cody Cox showed consistency and grit throughout the entire tournament. Cody lost only one match to the eventual champion, resulting in a bronze medal finish at 57.5 kg.

The Haliburton women's team had a fantastic day. Maia O'Sullivan (57.5 kg) worked hard on the mat with a new aggressive style that proved very difficult to defend against. She dominated her division to capture the gold. Teammate Nichole Honderich also rounded her day with a first-place finish. This is her second consecutive gold medal.

Red Hawks wrestlers continue with practices to prepare for the Third annual Haliburton Highlands Wrestling Tournament hosted by HHSS on Friday, Dec. 16.

#### **Individual Results**

Gold Medals - Zane Zondervan, Nichole Honderich, Maia

Silver Medals - Matt Sexsmith, Lily Coneybeare Bronze Medals - Cody Cox, Bailey Walker, Jenn Woolacott Fourth Place - BJ Archer, Mark Christie



# Progressing to the qualifer

Darren Lum

Staff reporter

One set loss to the visiting Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute Spartans was all that stood in the way of taking top spot at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School hosted senior volleyball tournament on Wednesday, Dec. 7.

Haliburton as a result finished as the runners-up, just one team point behind the Spartans who were last year's COSSA champions.

It was a good test for the team, who appear to be one of this year's contenders for the Kawartha and Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics Championship.

The team's co-coach Steve Smith said as far as he was concerned the team won the tournament since none of the tournaments, which are being used like a pre-season, until the Kawartha League qualifier count towards final standings.

The co-coach was pleased with the team's ability to improve over the course of the tournament and its execution of serving and serve reception, particularly because of his relatively inexperienced team, who are all, with the

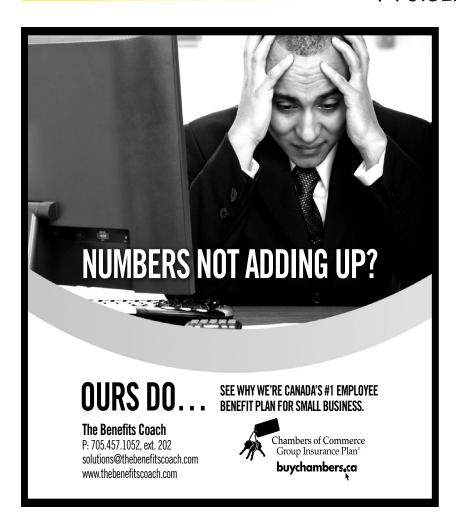
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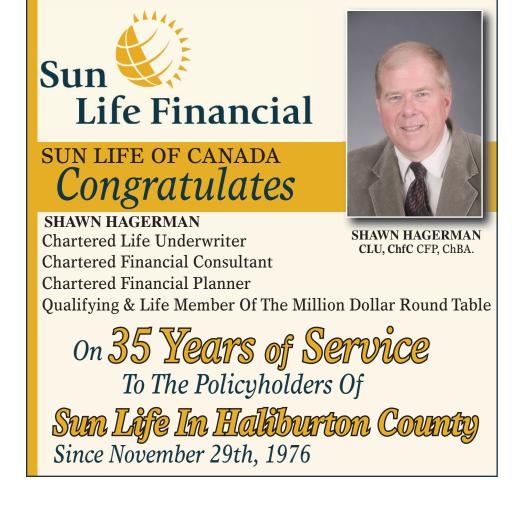


**Darren Lum** Staff

Red Hawks senior power Sandy Griffith hits a shot above a block during a match against Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute Spartans during the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Senior Girls' Volleyball Tournament held in Haliburton on Wednesday, Dec. 7. The Red Hawks were edged out by the Spartans (1-2) and finished just behind the Lindsay school with four points in the tournament.

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# Confidence is established

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exception of second-year senior player Grace Diezel, first-year seniors on the squad.

He and co-coach Caley Sisson said serving and serve reception are key to success.

Smith adds the team managed to also "serve with purpose," picking spots where the defence was weaker.

The team showed steady progress throughout the tournament, even if they showed signs of mental and physical fatigue in the final match, which Smith said he has been working on to improve through con-

The Red Hawks had a 60 per cent service success rate in the first match and then finished with service success rate of close to 80 per cent at the end of the tournament.

The match against the Spartans started as a seesaw battle with both teams trading points and sets. However, just as the set was tied 9-9 it seemed the Spartans took all of the momentum.

With a rally-point structure, the Red Hawks were giving away points and had difficulty stringing together clean serves, hitting it into the net or going wide.

Haliburton could only respond with six points before the Spartans carried their momentum for the win (15-25).

In the second set, Haliburton started well, riding some strong serving by power Grace Diezel and setter Jessica Rider, including formidable net coverage on the block and with thundering spikes from power Ali Hicks. The Red Hawks were ahead 10 - 5.

With just a six-point lead (20-14), Red Hawks power Jaimie Dack ran down a loose ball against the side wall to keep a play alive and returned the shot to the Spartans, who failed to pick up the free ball. The

seven-point cushion helped to preserve the momentum that appeared in jeopardy as the Spartans looked to poised to get back into the set.

Rider's deep shot caught the Spartans cheating towards the net and Dack's strong serve helped to close out the set, scoring the final two points to win (25-18).

The Spartans, who rested a few of their starters in the early going of the second set, started slowly, but showed champion form when it mattered.

Led by the strength of play at the net from first-year senior power Victoria Evans, the Lindsay team never relented with the block or their ability to hit the power spike or a soft angle shot.

Despite equally spectacular net play by Red Hawks Ali Hicks, who was Evans equal, blocking a few net shaking shots, it wasn't enough as Haliburton lost 11-15.

The tournament included the Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons and the St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School Titans.

Haliburton started well, beating the Titans (25-10, 19-25, 15-10) in the day's first match.

In the Falcons game the Red Hawks finished strongly, needing only two sets (25-22, 25-23).

Smith said these two match wins gives the team confidence for future matches, particularly against I.E. Weldon Secondary School and St. Mary's.

Haliburton will host another tournament, starting at 2 p.m. on Feb. 8.

The team's coaching staff includes Caley

\*Technically these tournaments do not count towards season results and teams are using the matches to develop and work on skills. The Kawartha League qualifier will determine who advances.

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Red Hawks senior players Jaimie Dack and **Brigitta Hicks throw** up a block during a match against Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute Spartans at the HHSS Senior Volleyball Tournament. Photo by Darren Lum

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#### Turnovers undo Haliburton

Red Hawks junior boys' basketball coach Paul Longo speaks to his team during a timeout in the second quarter in the team's first home game hosting the Crestwood Secondary School Mustangs on Thursday, Dec. 8. The team had turnover issues, particularly the first few minutes when they committed three.

Haliburton lost 51-14. Photo by Darren Lum



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# Home opener spoiled by Mustangs

**Darren Lum** Staff reporter

Missed opportunities spelled defeat for the Red Hawks senior boys' basketball team when they hosted the Crestwood Secondary School Mustangs on Thursday, Dec. 8.

It was virtually over before the first quarter ended when the visitors drained four threepointers for a quick 12-0 lead.

The home crowd was hushed and had little to cheer for as Haliburton struggled from the field and the anemic shooting did not end until the end of the game.

Coach Dave Waito believes the outcome could have easily been different if Haliburton were able to finish on scoring drives.

"We missed 10 to 15 lay-ups was my [estimate] so that would have changed the tune of the game real quick ... we'd have 20 or 30 points just on those missed lay-ups that I expect us to make," he said. "Apart from that there wasn't as much intensity as I'd like to see."

With a cancelled game the week before, the Red Hawks were out of action for three weeks, which didn't help the young team that exhibited a few jitters in front of the partisan crowd, Waito said. There are only four guys that returned from last year's squad.

"The more games we get under our belt the more I think we'll feel comfortable," he said.

Playing at home, there aren't any excuses to not get up for a home game.

"It should be personal. It's a matter of pride. Like take it. You know what I mean? Some guy gets over you and gets an offensive board and you better never let him do that again. A little mental toughness comes with a little experience, but I hope this was a character loss in that sense. We can learn from it," he said.

In every practice before their next game, he said, the team will be focused on working on box-out and hustle drills.

Among the few bright spots in the 46-19 loss was near the end when point guard Damon Flatman and guard Denver Smith, who showed composure in the key, executed the pick and roll to perfection on several drives.
"With the two of those guys, I mean they

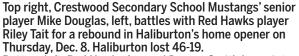
are our veterans of the team, I expect that they should be doing that. I hope to see it more," he said.

Smith's defence has been strong this season, Waito said, believing the team will rely on it for the rest of the season. He finished with five points in the loss.

Flatman has shown great leadership this season and finished with 10 points to lead his

Haliburton hosts Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons this week on Wednesday, Dec.

Up to this game the team had only competed in a tournament, which featured losses against schools Kenner Collegiate Vocational Institute (44-34), St. Peter's Secondary School and Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School.



Bottom left, Red Hawks forward Denver Smith leans into his defender for a shot against the Crestwood Secondary School Mustangs in Haliburton's home opener on Thursday, Dec. 8. Haliburton lost 46-19. Smith finished with five points. Photos by Darren Lum



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MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REHABILITATION / REPLACEMENT OF DEER CREEK BRIDGE, **INLET BAY OF PAUDASH LAKE** 

The Municipality of Highlands East is conducting a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) to assess alternatives for the rehabilitation or replacement of the Deer Creek Bridge, located on Inlet Bay Road southwest of Cardiff, in the County of Haliburton. Rehabilitation/reconstruction of the Deer Creek Bridge is required to address structural deficiencies identified by the Municipality.

The Class EA study will proceed in accordance with 'Schedule A+' of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, June 2000, as amended in October 2007. The study will confirm the problem and identify alternative solutions to resolving the problem. The alternative solutions will consider the effects on engineering and public safety and the natural, social, cultural and economic environments. The net positive and negative effects of each alternative solution will be evaluated, and mitigating measures will be identified. The preferred solution to the problem will be selected based on |Hill information developed during the study and on comments received from review agencies and stakeholders.

A Public Information Centre will be held from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at the Cardiff

Community Centre, 2747 Monck Road, Cardiff to present the preferred solution and solicit input from members of the public.

Comments will be maintained for reference throughout the project and will become part of the public record. Under the Freedom of Information and Privacy Protection Act and the Environmental Assessment Act, unless otherwise stated in the submission, any personal information such as name, address, telephone number and property location included in a submission will become part of the public record file for this matter and will be released, if requested, to any person.

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# **Preparing for qualifier**

**Darren Lum** Staff reporter

The Red Hawks junior girls' volleyball coach is taking results in stride after the team's performance in the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) Junior Girls' Volleyball Tournament hosted at the school on Wednesday, Dec. 7.

Haliburton has had a handful of practices as a team and were in tough against the Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons, the Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute Spartans and the St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School Titans.

Top left, the junior Red Hawks volleyball team cheer before the second set against the St. Thomas **Aquinas Secondary School** Titans at the HHSS Junior Girls Volleyball Tournament held in Haliburton on Wednesday, Dec. 7. Bottom right, Red Hawks junior player Shae MacNaull leaps to get her hand on the ball for a tip with teammate, right, Cassidy Garbutt looking on. Photos by D.L.

#### **Team Roster**

Robyn Albert Rebecca Anderson Alisha Bishop Jessie Burk **Cassidy Garbutt** Jillian Hawley **Charlene Hicks** Cassandra Hobden Cierra Hurley Shae MacNaull **Haley Moore** Jenna Park Jordan Rowden Maggie Scheffee **Daryl Woodley** 

Despite the lack of practice time, the team showed some promise with strong passing and ability to keep plays alive.

The team's co-coach Brett Caputo, who shares the coaching duties with Michelle Backus, said all these tournaments leading up to the Kawartha qualifier are going to be used to work on team play and skill devel-

He was happy with the team's ability to steal a set from the eventual tournament winners, the Spartans. Haliburton was also able to take a set in their match against the St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School

They finished fourth in the tournament.



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#### AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A VISIONING SESSION FOR THE DYSART MUNICIPAL CULTURAL PLAN

The Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Dysart et al invites interested persons to participate in a visioning session, for the Dysart Municipal Cultural Plan. This is an economic development plan, which is focused on arts, culture and heritage. The approved plan will be implemented through the actions of the Municipality and supported and advanced by the actions of our commuity partners and stakeholders.

Date: Thursday, January 19th, 2012 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Time: Location: The Great Hall, Fleming College

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To participate in this session, please pre-register with the Municipality prior to Friday January 13th, 2012, by calling 705-457-1740.

For further information, please contact Patricia Martin, Director of Planning and Development, during regular office hours (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday).

# Highland Storm Peewee AE Silver Stick finalists

The ninth annual Silver Stick weekend of hockey began in Minden on Saturday, Dec. 3, when the Highland Storm Peewee AE team met the Napanee Stars. The Storm turned it up a notch with less than a minute left in the second period when Aidan Garbutt made an awesome shot from the point, Jesse Sisson picked up the rebound and tipped it to Jon Morrison, who buried it into the net for the first well-deserved goal. With less than five minutes remaining in the third period, Jacob Haedicke moved in from the point and found the empty top corner for the second goal, assisted by Aidan Garbutt and Alex Petrie. It was a tremendous effort by all players to hold off the Stars especially Ben Schmidt, who at times single handedly kept the Stars at the blue line. Josh Bellefleur played an outstanding game and earned a much deserved shut-out as the game ended 2-0 for the Highland Storm Peewee AE team.

After that incredible start, the adrenaline grew for the Storm team and they came out flying against the Campbellford Colts. The first goal came three minutes into the first period by Trevor Turner, assisted by Matt Manning. The Storm team started the second period short handed but that didn't slow the energy, within 20 seconds Ben Schmidt found the opening for a short-handed goal, assisted by Alex Petrie. Leading by two at the start of the third period, the Storm team was once more short-handed, but the game continued in their favour when Alex Petrie's great effort scored the third goal, assisted by Ben Schmidt. The Colts pulled their goalie during the last few minutes of play that resulted in an empty net goal by Trevor Turner. The Storm team's confidence was high playing the Colts as they easily took the game 4-0, another great game and shut-out for Josh Bellefleur.

The Highland Storm Peewee AE team met their match in this tournament against the Ennismore Eagles. The Storm earned the first goal, that was unassisted by Mitch Billings. Seconds later the Eagles turned it up and put one in to tie the game. The Storm played well staying together to maintain the pace and end the game with a 1-1 tie. It was a great job by all the boys, especially Josh Bellefleur who stood consistently strong in net.

The semi-finals began on Sunday, Dec. 4 in Haliburton. The Storm team was once more playing the Napanee Stars. Still scoreless at the end of the first, both teams increased the intensity. It was half way through the second period when the Stars found the opening and got on the scoreboard. Minutes later the Storm got the jump they needed and tied it up, 1-1. The pass came from Matt Manning to the point and Aidan Garbutt's shot beat the goalie. It was a very tight game that kept the crowd at the edge of their seat, and that's where they stayed for the rest of the second period. The Storm team started off the third period in the penalty box, killed that penalty well but took another immediately after. With a 15-minute period and being a third period team, the Storm just needed to stay out of the pen-



#### **County of Haliburton Inaugural Session of County Council**

The Council of the County of Haliburton wishes to provide PUBLIC NOTICE that the Inaugural Session of Haliburton County Council will take place on Tuesday December 13, 2011 commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the County Administration Building located at 11 Newcastle Street in Minden. The Public is welcome to attend.

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alty box. The scoreless third period resulted in both teams being overly aggressive and both paid the price in the box. Still tied at the end of the third period, the game went into overtime. It started off with two-on-two as both teams had a man in the box. The Storm players worked very hard keeping it in their opponents end, still no score, now 3 on 3. With our stomachs rising into our throats, you could feel the nervous tension growing on the ice. It was down to oneon-one. Mitch Billings stood for the Storm, won the faceoff and took off toward the net, leaving the only man back, he moved in and found the top corner for the 2-1 win. The Storm Peewee AE team moved onto the finals.

The ninth annual Silver Stick finals presented the Highland Storm Peewee AE team against the Ennismore Eagles. It was a fast paced start to the first period with the Storm team getting on the score board with a goal from Mitch Billings, assisted by Matt Manning. The well-matched teams entertained the crowd with some awesome hockey. The Storm team played extremely well, connecting on their passes and onto the net with hard accurate shots. The deep desire to win built the momentum and emotion in each player. The fine line between being aggressive on the puck and on the player was blurred as the Storm team took more penalties than necessary to take control of the game. Still ahead by a goal, the third period started with the Storm team short handed. The thoughts "you can't win a game while killing off a penalty" echoed through the Haliburton arena. The Eagles worked hard to earn their first goal to tie the game. With five minutes left in the third period, the Eagles stepped it up and found the scoring opportunity to take the lead, now 2-1. Although the teams were wellmatched the Storm team struggled during the last minutes of the game in hopes of grasping a tie. It was a sad loss, but an incredible effort from the entire team. Great job boys, we are very proud of you. Thanks to the players and to the coaching staff for an awesome and entertaining weekend of great hockey. Congratulations on making it into the finals of the Silver Stick tournament. A big thanks to all the parents that contributed their time and support for a successful weekend and finally a huge thanks to the manager, Dana Manning for coordinating and organizing the weekend and the season.

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

#### **Highland Storm Peewee AE takes on Gravenhurst**

The Highland Storm Peewee AE team hosted the Gravenhurst Flames on Wednesday, Dec. 7th in Haliburton. Although it was a midweek game, the Storm team was full of energy, dominating the play from the start. The first goal came minutes into the second period by Ben Schmidt,



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up the momentum during a power play and scored again. The pass came from Mitch Billings to Matt Manning who found the opening for the second goal. The Storm team was in full control of the game and continued to pick up the pace. The next goal came from the point as Aidan Garbutt's shot was deflected into the net by Trevor Turner. The third period started with a 3-0 lead for the Storm team, however minutes into it, the Flames fought hard and managed to put one in. The fast paced hockey continued. With just less than two minutes remaining in the game, Jon Morrison received a pass, smoothly beat the defense and the goalie for the fourth goal, assisted by Jesse Sisson and Ben Schmidt. The Storm walked away with an easy 4-1 win.

assisted by Alex Petrie and Ryan Prentice. The Storm picked

Next weekend, they are on the road to Huntsville and Parry Sound. Good luck boys!

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Submitted by Suzanne Haekdicke

#### Atom A comes close at Silver Stick tournament

It was two days of exciting hockey on Saturday and Sunday at the Haliburton arena with hard fought close games but the Highland Storm Atom AE team was edged out by some tough competition. Storm lost their first game against the tournament winner Sterling by a score of 3-0. Each period was close but Storm just didn't have any luck getting the puck in the net. The second game against Centre Hastings was a nail-biter right to the end with Noah Black opening the scoring for the Storm team followed by a goal by Jake O'Neill. The game could have been tied by a shot by Miki Bukta that went off the post and again at the end of the game by a shot by Paul Turner that went in one second after time expired on the clock with the score 3-2 for Centre

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The Preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East office, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said by-law and who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time

DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 13th day of December, 2011.

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# Cross-country ski trails ready as never before

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Twin Lakes, widening, smoothing and drainage have been worked on with great intensity. The Willow Beach Trail at the Resorts Area has had a bypass cleared to avoid a wet hole and two stream crossings and we look forward to having the golf course loops to be the first for skiing action as they require less snow for the initial grooming.

At the Frost Centre, there has been a major change of operations, with ski pass sales on site at the Algonquin Highlands Trails Office. See the municipality of Algonquin Highlands's website, look for Trails, then Ski and Snowshoe Trails. Their staff have also been busy with a trail addition

going through the old sawmill as well as many sections of trail widening. Their season pass prices have a discount if purchased before Dec. 15.

A reminder: contact membership@skihaliburton.com or phone Joleen Thomas at 705-489-4850 to purchase your ski club season pass before Dec. 15. The club website for more information about programs, trails and conditions is www.

> Submitted by Peter Brogden Haliburton Highlands Cross Country Ski Club

# Folk society offers award-winning adventures in music

It promises to be a busy winter for the Haliburton County Folk Society. Volunteers are busy planning two concerts, a Winter Folk Camp and a recording initiative.

The first order of music is "A Winter's Night with Wendell and Wheat," a concert on Dec. 18 at the Wild Moose featuring the wonderful duo of Wendell Ferguson and Katherine Wheatley. They are best of musical pals. Her heartfelt lyrics and stunning voice and his honest yet irreverent humour make their show both moving and hilarious. One presenter said "An absolutely transcendent concert." Another said "She didn't leave a dry eye in the house. He didn't leave a dry seat."

Coming Events

The Haliburton County Folk Society presents A Winter's Night with Katherine Wheatley & Wendell Ferguson with Sheri Hawkins and Shawn Chamberlin Sunday December 18 7:30pm at The Wild Moose TICKETS:\$23/\$17 MEMBERS AND STUDENTS (HST INCL) Haliburton: The Photo Shop 192 Highland 457-2713 Minden: Organic Times 134 Bobcaygeon Rd 286-1424 More at www.haliburtonfolk.com

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A second concert featuring Juno award nominees, The Marigolds, is planned for Jan. 29. The Marigolds are Gwen Swick, Caitlin Hanford and Suzie Vinnick. In 2010 the Marigolds were nominated for Vocal Group of the Year at the Canadian Folk Music Awards. Suzie Vinnick is a familiar voice in the Highlands. She recently won the 2011 Canadian Folk Music Awards for Contemporary Singer of The

The fourth annual Winter Folk Camp is happening Friday, March 2 to 5 and features six great artists in residence including Ken Whiteley (playing the blues), Lynn Miles (songwriting), Sandra Swannell (fiddle), Terry Young (fingerstyle guitar), Teresa Doyle (choir), and Eve Goldberg (ukulele). Ken Whiteley is a Canadian roots music legend; he has been awarded a Canadian Folk Music Award, Genie Award for Best Original Song in a Canadian film, Lifetime

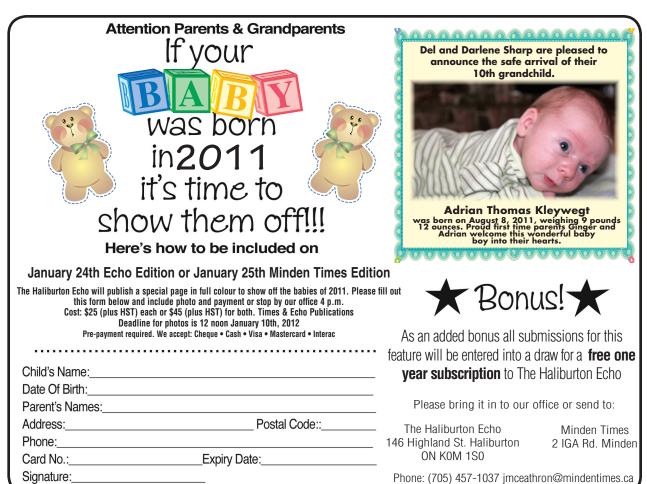
Achievement recognition from the Ontario Council of Folk Festivals and Mariposa Folk Festival. He has also been nominated for seven Juno awards and 14 Maple Blues Awards. Lynn Miles has just won the 2011 Canadian Folk Music Awards for Songwriter of The Year. A new website for the Winter Folk Camp will be launched soon.

Local musicians will be featured at the concerts and Winter Folk Camp. The very talented Sheri Hawkins and Shawn Chamberlin will open for Wendell and Wheat.

The Folk Society has received funding from HCDC to subsidize local musicians who would like to record their music. Youth and other financially challenged musicians who are full-time residents of Haliburton County will be eligible for the subsidy.

The Haliburton County Folk Society is pleased to bring award winning talent to the Highlands and to celebrate local musicians. It promises to be a winter of great con-

Submitted



# Christmas holiday for local schools begins Dec. 24

#### Wilberforce

Hilda Clark

448-2018

Step back in time. Linger by the spruce tree, pretty with many handmade ornaments. Inhale the aroma of cedar boughs. Imagine a Red Cross nurse is offering you some spicy hot apple cider with a tempting cookie. You can experience much of this at our historic house museum this Thursday, Dec. 15 in Wilberforce. For this annual Christmas open house times are: afternoon from 1:30 to 4 p.m., evening 7 to 8:30 p.m. Got a very short story or poem about Christmas? Bring it and share.

A well-attended uplifting Christmas Singalong at the Wilberforce United Church last Sunday evening was led by the Rev. Peter Walford-Davis. As well as good congregational singing, thecChildren's choir from the Full Gospel Church presented some wellrehearsed Christmas songs. Readers of the Christmas story were Flo Elliott, Ken Jones, Joan Noble, Hilda Clark and Wayne Rutter. Pianist Elsie Lewis accompanied the carols. Rev. Walford-Davis led prayers and related a delightful Christmas story entitled The Magic Violin. A time of refreshment and fellowship brought this fine community to a close and folks departed into a wonderful moonlit night.

What a perfect day for a parade that led Santa Claus through the village. What fun to ride on floats through the snow-covered landscape with the sun smiling brightly. What a fine crowd of children came with their parents and other relatives and friends for the parade and stayed for fun at the Lloyd Watson hall. The main fun was meeting Santa. One of Santa's friends tells us that about 107 children had a visit with the man in red, received a gift and had photos taken. There was so much to do while waiting to see Santa. There was a very welcome lunch counter, tables at which to colour or create a craft or one could join in some singing. And there was Doug Stephen's marvelous model railroad setup that enchants young and old.

Many thanks to the organizers, financial supporters, participants in the parade and to Santa and all his hardworking local 'elves" who made this a successful community event for the children and their families and friends.

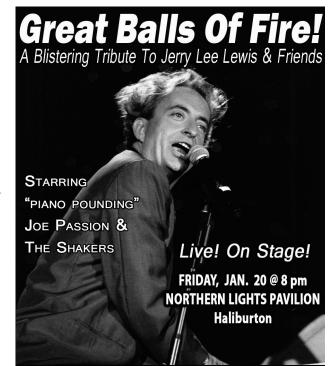
Here are a few of the many upcoming services and concerts in this area: the Wilberforce school concert is on at the LWMC on Tuesday, Dec. 20 in the early afternoon. The annual carol service at the historic Essonville Church is Sunday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. The Full Gospel Church Sunday School concert is Sunday, Dec. 18 in the evening. St. Margaret's Anglican Church service of carols and lessons Dec. 18 in the morning at 11:15. The two-week Christmas holiday for local schools begins Saturday, Dec. 24. Classes begin again Monday, Jan. 9.

The Haliburton County Public Library is presenting some jolly holiday fun at several of their branches during the holiday. At the Wilberforce branch on Friday, Dec. 30 there are two programs planned. From 10 to 10:45 a.m. Laura Redman will lead a Snowy . Storytime for Small Tots age five and under with a caregiver, which includes stories, songs and crafts. The same morning from 11 a.m. to noon at a Winter Games Day children six to nine will enjoy tales of Olympic heroes and play indoor winter games. All free.

We end on a sad note. Antonius (Tony) Berning, a resident of Wilberforce for many years, died peacefully at the hospital in Haliburton on Saturday, Dec. 3. Tony's long battle with cancer was finally over. He was in his 82nd year. Tony really was a master craftsman. Well known as a worker who could be trusted to complete projects as promised working regular hours taking pride "in a job well done.

His knowledge and ability to handle every aspect of construction from drywall, painting, cabinet making, to pouring concrete basement floors was amazing. He and son Fred always had a fine touch whether working on new buildings or making old ones look like new. Sympathy is extended to his wife Marianne, to son  $\operatorname{\mathsf{Fred}}$ and Brenda, daughter Marion and Bill Wingrove, and to grandchildren Aaron (Erin), Alex, Nikola and Christina. A private family gathering will be held in Tony's honour.

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# Congratulations to Bernie Nicholls on LA honours

## **West Guilford**

**Eleanor Cooper** 

754-2278

At an open house at Darren and Teressa Johnston's home with Kelly and Steve Churko hosting alongside, three new Birds were welcomed into Scott and Teresa Bird's family. The two boys and one girl, ages two, three and four were adopted together as they are all brothers and sister of the same family. At the gathering they met and were welcomed by new to them cousins, friends, and neighbours. Congratulations to Scott and Teresa on these new arrivals into their

The Christmas dinner at the centre was a resounding

success with all 140 tickets sold before Dec. 3. The turkey dinner was a success in itself and heartily enjoyed by all. Those who were able to stay after were entertained by the music of Carl Dixon, Margaret Harris, Audrey Sedley, Julie Chalmers, Ted Scholtes, who set up the whole sound system, Neil Howe and Joan Lang, Jeff Barry, and Terry and Karl Upton. Thanks to every one of them and to all who put together and served the delicious meal.

On Dec. 9, Keith and Frances Burns, John Pugh, Earl and I and Beth Johns and Norris Turner attended the Christmas band party at the Loney Home following the concert performed at Extendicare by the Highlands Concert Band which included Bob Davis, Paul Irwin and Bas Bouthoorn amongst the 23 member band. We perform again this Friday at St. George's Church (Dec. 16) at 7:30, admission's by

donation or a food item for the food bank. Last year four large shopping carts were filled. People enjoyed singing carols along with the band. The church is beautifully decorated for the festive season. We hope the sound will be as beautiful as the appearance.

At euchre on Tuesday night Norma and Bill Geddes scored highest, low went to Neva Hobden and Garth Windsor, and most lone hands were won by Ray Sisson and Barbara Brownsberger.

Hearty congratulations to Bernie Nicholls who was honoured on the ice in Los Angeles on Saturday, Dec. 10. His sisters Cheryl Cooper and Alberta Upton were among the excited and faithful fans who travelled out for the very special event. Pat Bain and Carol Stamp also flew out to see Bernie honoured.

# Semi-finals go to overtime

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Hastings. The third game against the Prince Edward County Kings saw Carter Bull put a rocket shot in the net from the point but Storm could not score another and finally lost 2-1. Goalie Jaxson Campbell was in excellent form during all three games, stopping the opposition many times with key saves. The semi-finals on Sunday both went to overtime. The game between Sterling and Port Hope went to five minutes of three-on-three play, another five of two-on-two play and then five minutes of one-on-one play before Sterling scored for a 2-1 win. 2-1 was also the final score for the Prince Edward County Kings beating Napanee in overtime. Sterling came out on top against Prince Edward County in the final by, again, a score of 2-1.

Special thanks go out to Storm team manager Bobby-

Sue Campbell for all of her hard work in putting the tournament together and to her and Christina Black and all the parents who helped at the tournament. Coach Jim O'Neill, Assistant Coach Doug Schell and Trainers Jeff Black and Greg Turner deserve much credit for their work in developing the AE team to produce a very respectable showing at the Silver Stick tournament. The season is not over yet and we can look forward to some great hockey from the Storm

Submitted by Larry Bukta

#### **Atom As defeat Gravenhurst**

On Sunday we travelled off to Gravenhurst, beating them 8-2. The boys came out in the first period scoring two quick goals. It was looking like we were going to have to work for the win.

Once the second period got going we were getting our groove on scoring four more goals in this period. With some great passing and lots of skating all of the players were getting comfortable playing in this new arena.

As the third started we came out pretty confident we were going to chalk up another win. We managed to score another two goals in this period. The players that did the scoring in this game were Luke Hunter (4), Owen Gilbert(3), and Nik Dollo (1). The assists go to Lucas Haedicke (1), Zach Morissette (3), Austin French (1), and Benn Mac-

Great job team, keep up the good work, good luck next weekend and have a great time at the All star Game!

Submitted by Joanne Sisson

See the rest of minor hockey in the Minden Times

# community Calendar What's happening in the County



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Dec 7-Dec 24: Zechariah 4:6 Ministries Inc. will be holding a charitable fundraiser, wrapping Chistmas gifts at V&S Stedmans Haliburton in the front entrance every Wednesday 11am - 5pm, Friday 11am - 7pm and Saturday 10am -5.00pm in December. Come and help us as we help you and others. Judith 705 457-3107

Dec 13 - Minden Legion Branch 636, 'Turkey Dinner' lunch special. Tickets \$16 available at the door. Entertainment

Dec 14: Lochlin United Church Annual "Old Fashioned Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long" at 7:30p.m. - Lochlin Road off the Gelert Rd. (County Rd. 1). Great music accompaniment with Rev. Harry Morgan and "Friends". Refreshments following: Hot cider and Christmas goodies. Donations to the Food Banks gratefully accepted.

Dec 14: The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild's annual Christmas Pot Luck Luncheon is at 12 noon at the Stanhope Community Centre. Bring your own dishes & cutlery, your "pot" and a wrapped gift. For information call Pat

Dec 15: Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library "Friendly" Christmas Sale. Christmas book baskets, HCPL mugs, new Friends book bags and new remaindered books for Christmas giving in Minden Hills Library (Dec 8 & 15) and Dysart Library, Haliburton (Dec 9 & 10) from 10-4.

Dec 15 Community Care Christmas Lunch Christmas Lunch advance tickets only order by December 8, 2011 Please contact Community Care for location and time, 705-457-2941 hilary@communitycarehaliburton.com

Dec 17: Fleming College Haliburton presents "Threshold: Student Art Show and Sale" 10 am-4 pm 297 College Drive Haliburton, Free admission, light refreshments. Ceramics, fibre art, paintings, metal sculpture, photography, and much more

Dec. 20: Haliburton0EYC Christmas with Santa! from 10-1. Please bring a wrapped book with your child's name on it. Santa will visit and stay for milk & cookies too! Phone to sign up at 705-457-2989. Minden Wed. Dec. 21 from 10-1. Santa will join us at circle. Stay for a pot luck lunch. Donations to the food bank also welcomed. To sign up by Dec. 19. phone 705-286-1770.

Dec 22 - Minden Legion Branch 636, President's Levy (open house for public) from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Refreshments available. Music by members of The Kellett Family

Dec 31 - Minden Legion Branch 636, New Year's Eve Celebration. Happy hour at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 8:00 p.m. (prime rib or chicken). DJ and karaoke after dinner. Tickets \$25 each (\$30 after Dec. 16). The Legion will be other wise closed from December 24th to January 1st, open for business as usual on January 2 (and open New Year's Eve).

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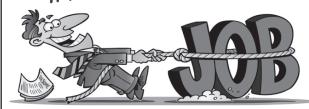
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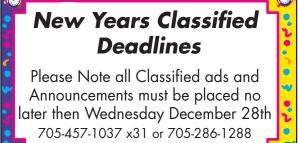
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SIMS, Lola Marguerite (nee Barry) -Passed away peacefully at her home in Haliburton on Monday, December 5, 2011 at the age of 85. Beloved wife of the late Bill Sims(1993). Dear mother of Lori McKay and predeceased by her son Ernie (December 3, 2010). Loving grandmother of Jake McKay (Judy Fulson), Josh (Lyndsey) McKay and great grandmother of Siearra, Kayla, Layne, Max, Brock and Ruby. Dear sister of Berniece Dunford and predeceased by Lloyd Barry and Marilyn Cowan. Fondly remembered by her nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends were invited to visit the family at the GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Friday, December 9, 2011 from 11:00 am until the time of the Funeral Service in the chapel at 12:00 o'clock noon. Reception followed in the family centre. Interment was at the Maple Lake United Church Cemetery, Maple Lake. Memorial Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or to the Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

WRAY (Florence) (Packard)

Peacefully on Friday Dec. 2nd in her 79th year at Port Colborne Hospital. Beloved wife of the late Jerry Farley and the late Warren Wray. Cherished mother of Geraldine Terrio. Darlene

Picard, Maxine Cardanale, and Grant Farley and dear sister of Elva Heard and the late Lawrence Packard. Fondly remembered by six

grandchildren 7 great grandchildren, nieces & nephews. Predeceased by her parents, Edward & Zella Packard. Cremation followed. Service was held at Morse & Son Funeral Home, Niagara Falls, Ont.

# bituaries

#### **BIAGI, ANTHONY**

August 1, 1968 - December 1, 2011



Peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family after a valiant 2 year fight with prostate cancer. Beloved son of Richard and Sally, best friend & brother of Jason Deeply adored by his children Michael, Ryan, Alexandra & Aidan and his nieces Heather, Jeanna & Jordan. Much loved by his grandmother Dorelle Baker and forever missed by Karen & Suzanne. A "Celebration of his Life" will be held on Sunday, December 18th at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 258, 45 Lawson Road, Scarborough, Ontario from 2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Donations in his memory to prostate cancer research would be greatly appreciated by the family.

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Marianne. Opa to Aaron (Erin), Alex, Nikole and Christina. Dad to Fred (Brenda) and Marion (Bill Wingrove). Master craftsman to all he worked for, from Rheine, Germany to the Haliburton Highlands. Auf Wiedersehen Opa

#### **Private Family Gathering**

A Private Family Gathering will be held at a later date. As expressions of sympathy, and in lieu of flowers, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be greatly appreciated by the family. Condolences or memories of Tony can be sent to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Highway #118 Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0 (705)457-9209.

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## TIGHE, Floyd

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Lovingly remember by **Darryl, Dwain and Families** 

and ever dear.

#### Thank you

Our beloved Edna Wark died three weeks ago. We are most grateful for the exceptional care and support provided by the medical and nursing staff at HHHS; in particular by Doctors Conway, Bottum, Karaguesian, and Beattie, and by nurses Nancy, Pat, Christine, Tracey and April. Bill Wark and Family



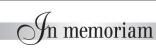
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#### DAWSON, Cliff

in memory of a dear Dad who passed away on December 12, 1997 Fourteen lonely years have passed away, Since that great sorrow fell, But in our hearts we mourn the loss Of one we loved so well Sadly missed by daughter Kathy and son-in-law Keith

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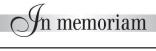
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